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## Vodafone Dmax Round 10

### Daytona Sandown Park – 18<sup>th</sup> Nov 2012

Unseasonal sunshine greeted the drivers as they arrived at Daytona Sandown Park for the final Round of the Vodafone Dmax 2012 Championships. Although dry, the weather was very cold for the Lights Enduro drivers as they registered at 8:15am for their final race of the year.

#### Lights Enduro Qualifying

The class of the field was shown with drivers recording very fast times for their first drive on the Alternate Circuit this year. Tom Kempynck took Pole Position from Ross Sheppard, with Alec Tucker and James Baldwin behind them on the second row. Less than a second separated the top 15 drivers.

| Po | No. | Name                | Best time | In lap | Best speed | Diff  | Gap   | Laps |
|----|-----|---------------------|-----------|--------|------------|-------|-------|------|
| 1  | 122 | Tom Kempynck        | 45.126    | 14     | 71.799     |       |       | 16   |
| 2  | 131 | Ross Sheppard       | 45.151    | 12     | 71.759     | 0.025 | 0.025 | 16   |
| 3  | 119 | Alec Tucker         | 45.324    | 7      | 71.485     | 0.198 | 0.173 | 7    |
| 4  | 125 | James Baldwin       | 45.355    | 13     | 71.436     | 0.229 | 0.031 | 16   |
| 5  | 106 | Hugo Bush           | 45.447    | 14     | 71.292     | 0.321 | 0.092 | 16   |
| 6  | 150 | Chris Hackworth     | 45.456    | 13     | 71.278     | 0.330 | 0.009 | 16   |
| 7  | 107 | Ben Leslie          | 45.587    | 12     | 71.073     | 0.461 | 0.131 | 16   |
| 8  | 108 | Terry Waller        | 45.655    | 13     | 70.967     | 0.529 | 0.068 | 15   |
| 9  | 110 | Ben Chapman         | 45.682    | 15     | 70.925     | 0.556 | 0.027 | 16   |
| 10 | 101 | Jane Gibbons        | 45.702    | 16     | 70.894     | 0.576 | 0.020 | 16   |
| 11 | 105 | Chris Gillingham    | 45.714    | 13     | 70.875     | 0.588 | 0.012 | 15   |
| 12 | 104 | Steve Moody         | 45.805    | 7      | 70.735     | 0.679 | 0.091 | 15   |
| 13 | 114 | Tim McKeegan        | 46.056    | 15     | 70.349     | 0.930 | 0.251 | 15   |
| 14 | 149 | Kamran Moussa-Zadeh | 46.085    | 13     | 70.305     | 0.959 | 0.029 | 16   |
| 15 | 132 | Max Bird            | 46.099    | 12     | 70.284     | 0.973 | 0.014 | 15   |
| 16 | 102 | Marc Coltelli       | 46.395    | 9      | 69.835     | 1.269 | 0.296 | 15   |
| 17 | 115 | David Glover        | 46.969    | 13     | 68.982     | 1.843 | 0.574 | 15   |
| 18 | 134 | Ben Maxwell-Aylwin  | 47.110    | 7      | 68.775     | 1.984 | 0.141 | 15   |
| 19 | 147 | Dominic Tucker      | 47.354    | 15     | 68.421     | 2.228 | 0.244 | 15   |
| 20 | 109 | Will Algar          | 47.397    | 11     | 68.359     | 2.271 | 0.043 | 13   |
| 21 | 112 | Liam Ramshaw        | 49.170    | 12     | 65.894     | 4.044 | 1.773 | 14   |

The rolling start saw far too much contact into Turn 1 – Tom K ran wide allowing Alec Tucker to take the lead momentarily before Tom regained the lead. Ross S completed lap 1 in 3<sup>rd</sup>. After two laps, Tom led by 1.1 seconds from Alec who was just 0.2 s ahead of Ross. Ben L improved from 7<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> in the first two laps.

On lap 3, Ross S passed Alec T for second. Their fight gave Tom a little space and he recorded the best lap so far on his 4<sup>th</sup> lap (45.330s).



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James B moved up to third on lap 5, with Ross S recording a new best lap of the race so far. This was short-lived as Tom K regained the fastest lap just one lap later.

Ross was chasing Tom very hard and recorded another fastest lap on lap 8 (45.049), Ben C was now up to 8<sup>th</sup>, although Terry W also had a stint in 8<sup>th</sup> a lap later as the two of them passed and re-passed each other. After 10 laps Tom's lead was still only 2.264s over Ross with Alec and James very close behind.

On lap 11, Ross broke the 45 second barrier but Tom kept him just over 2 seconds behind him.

On Lap 12 Will Alger pitted for a kart swap. Over the next few laps, Ross, Alec and Ben L demonstrated their mastery of the circuit, with Ross closing on Tom and Alec and Ben L passing James B for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

With everyone lapping quickly and the track warming slightly, all the drivers were starting to record fastest laps. On Lap 23: Hugo B set his quickest of the race so far. The gap to lead was only 2.4 seconds but on lap 26 Ross lost time negotiating the traffic and dropped to 3.4 seconds back.

After 20 Minutes: Tom led from Ross, with Alec, James, Ben L and Chris Hackworth very close behind.

At 25 minutes: Max B came into the pits having hurt his hip and stopped on the circuit. The gap between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> was now just 1.5 seconds, with Ross holding the quickest lap of race. Alec, James and Ben were split by less than half a second whilst Chris H took to the pits and rejoined.

30 Minutes: James B passed Alec to take 3<sup>rd</sup>, Terry W did his quickest lap so far (44.8s) and the gap between leaders was just 0.5 seconds.

Alec and Ben L pass James for 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> – Alec looked particularly good through traffic and pulled a slight gap over Ben L. Hugo joined the lead party as the others squabbled.

40 Mins: Hugo and Ben L made slight contact and Ben L was disadvantaged, Hugo B moved up to 4<sup>th</sup> soon after with James to 5<sup>th</sup> but only for 1 lap as Ben L passed him back.

41 minutes: Hugo went for a move on James into T6 but it was Terry W who gained advantage and passed Hugo - Terry's best lap of race so far was 44.658 in 6<sup>th</sup> place.

45 mins: Hugo pitted and swapped kart, followed by Max B who swapped kart then spun on cold tyres.

50 mins, Ross S took lead at T6 as he and Tom passed a gaggle of back markers. Ross opened up a 0.4 second lead. James out braked a tiring Alec T into T6 to take 3<sup>rd</sup>.

52 mins: Hugo set his fastest lap (44.8) whilst sat in front of the battle for lead. Alec T got back



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past James and again Ben L caught them both back up, 3<sup>rd</sup> was a 3 way battle once more.

55 mins: Steve M passed Ben L to take 5<sup>th</sup>, 5 way battle ensued for 3<sup>rd</sup>. James was able to stretch a small gap over Alec, Steve M, Ben L, and Terry W.

57 mins: Ben L received bumping warning for a persuasive overtake on Alec T. Front two still very close, Tom set fastest of race (45.51), but Ross passed him into T6.

On the final 2 laps, Tom K went for moves at T6/7/1/2, trying everything and anything but it wasn't enough and Ross took a very well deserved victory.

| Po | No. | Name                | Lap s | Total time  | Diff   | Best time | In lap | Best speed |
|----|-----|---------------------|-------|-------------|--------|-----------|--------|------------|
| 1  | 131 | Ross Sheppard       | 80    | 1:00:17.757 |        | 44.649    | 77     | 72.566     |
| 2  | 122 | Tom Kempynck        | 80    | 1:00:18.445 | 0.688  | 44.515    | 77     | 72.784     |
| 3  | 125 | James Baldwin       | 80    | 1:00:45.175 | 27.418 | 44.832    | 56     | 72.270     |
| 4  | 107 | Ben Leslie          | 80    | 1:00:48.056 | 30.299 | 44.906    | 22     | 72.151     |
| 5  | 140 | Terry Waller        | 80    | 1:00:49.112 | 31.355 | 44.658    | 57     | 72.551     |
| 6  | 119 | Alec Tucker         | 80    | 1:00:50.436 | 32.679 | 45.035    | 24     | 71.944     |
| 7  | 113 | Steve Moody         | 80    | 1:00:51.456 | 33.699 | 44.874    | 68     | 72.202     |
| 8  | 110 | Ben Chapman         | 79    | 1:00:29.019 | 1 Lap  | 45.324    | 22     | 71.485     |
| 9  | 144 | Tim Mckeegan        | 79    | 1:00:35.055 | 6.036  | 45.154    | 53     | 71.754     |
| 10 | 105 | Chris Gillingham    | 79    | 1:00:42.046 | 13.027 | 45.390    | 67     | 71.381     |
| 11 | 101 | Jane Gibbons        | 79    | 1:01:01.724 | 32.705 | 45.642    | 9      | 70.987     |
| 12 | 149 | Kamran Moussa-Zadeh | 78    | 1:00:20.305 | 2 Laps | 45.269    | 46     | 71.572     |
| 13 | 102 | Hugo Bush           | 78    | 1:00:25.503 | 5.198  | 44.837    | 70     | 72.262     |
| 14 | 115 | David Glover        | 78    | 1:00:52.552 | 32.247 | 45.714    | 45     | 70.875     |
| 15 | 134 | Ben Maxwell-Aylwin  | 78    | 1:00:53.201 | 32.896 | 45.983    | 13     | 70.461     |
| 16 | 143 | Marc Coltelli       | 77    | 1:00:22.042 | 3 Laps | 45.960    | 24     | 70.496     |
| 17 | 147 | Dominic Tucker      | 77    | 1:00:45.476 | 23.434 | 46.218    | 76     | 70.103     |
| 18 | 150 | Chris Hackworth     | 77    | 1:00:46.950 | 24.908 | 45.100    | 13     | 71.840     |
| 19 | 112 | Liam Ramshaw        | 74    | 1:00:39.083 | 6 Laps | 46.968    | 73     | 68.983     |
| 20 | 127 | Max Bird            | 73    | 1:00:29.599 | 7 Laps | 45.306    | 73     | 71.514     |
| 21 | 108 | Will Algar          | 73    | 1:00:55.358 | 25.759 | 46.199    | 26     | 70.131     |

The Lights Enduro Final Champion is confirmed as Chris Hackworth with a massive 376 points from his best 8 races, with Tom Kempynck second on 337 points and Ben Leslie third with 298 points. Alec Tucker finished fourth with 289 points and Tim Mckeegan fifth with 264 points.



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## Inter Class Qualifying

Once again the quality of the field meant some very quick qualifying times. Just over a second split the top 10 drivers with a further second between the next 10.

| Po | No. | Name                  | Best time | In lap | Best speed | Diff  | Gap   | Laps |
|----|-----|-----------------------|-----------|--------|------------|-------|-------|------|
| 1  | 122 | James Pratt           | 45.252    | 17     | 71.599     |       |       | 20   |
| 2  | 110 | James Northfield      | 45.345    | 17     | 71.452     | 0.093 | 0.093 | 20   |
| 3  | 109 | Joseph Ellis          | 45.630    | 18     | 71.006     | 0.378 | 0.285 | 20   |
| 4  | 113 | Paul Cox              | 45.809    | 14     | 70.728     | 0.557 | 0.179 | 19   |
| 5  | 124 | Stuart Foster         | 45.809    | 14     | 70.728     | 0.557 | 0.000 | 19   |
| 6  | 107 | Craig Mcilvar         | 45.940    | 12     | 70.527     | 0.688 | 0.131 | 19   |
| 7  | 106 | Joshua Tomlinson      | 45.996    | 17     | 70.441     | 0.744 | 0.056 | 20   |
| 8  | 108 | Bruno Botelho         | 46.248    | 17     | 70.057     | 0.996 | 0.252 | 18   |
| 9  | 145 | Lee Pendlebury        | 46.262    | 14     | 70.036     | 1.010 | 0.014 | 18   |
| 10 | 148 | Gary Leonard          | 46.287    | 17     | 69.998     | 1.035 | 0.025 | 19   |
| 11 | 112 | Josef Wright          | 46.329    | 18     | 69.935     | 1.077 | 0.042 | 20   |
| 12 | 128 | Nicholas Lawes        | 46.351    | 18     | 69.901     | 1.099 | 0.022 | 19   |
| 13 | 133 | Andrew Knapp          | 46.387    | 15     | 69.847     | 1.135 | 0.036 | 19   |
| 14 | 134 | Mark Richards         | 46.401    | 15     | 69.826     | 1.149 | 0.014 | 19   |
| 15 | 135 | Stuart Shearman       | 46.691    | 17     | 69.392     | 1.439 | 0.290 | 19   |
| 16 | 135 | Alex Neill            | 46.883    | 10     | 69.108     | 1.631 | 0.192 | 19   |
| 17 | 140 | Pavan Chahi           | 46.915    | 17     | 69.061     | 1.663 | 0.032 | 18   |
| 18 | 115 | Andrew Suenson-Taylor | 47.184    | 11     | 68.667     | 1.932 | 0.269 | 18   |
| 19 | 144 | Alex Furse            | 47.302    | 13     | 68.496     | 2.050 | 0.118 | 18   |
| 20 | 119 | Steven Paddock        | 47.435    | 17     | 68.304     | 2.183 | 0.133 | 18   |
| 21 | 147 | Steven Hussey         | 47.785    | 12     | 67.804     | 2.533 | 0.350 | 17   |
| 22 | 125 | Seb Bamsley           | 47.901    | 17     | 67.640     | 2.649 | 0.116 | 17   |
| 23 | 143 | Gerard Robinson       | 47.909    | 16     | 67.628     | 2.657 | 0.008 | 18   |
| 24 | 138 | Jonathan Taylor       | 48.138    | 16     | 67.306     | 2.886 | 0.229 | 18   |
| 25 | 130 | Luke Armiger          | 48.398    | 15     | 66.945     | 3.146 | 0.260 | 17   |
| 26 | 131 | John Attwood          | 48.874    | 10     | 66.293     | 3.622 | 0.476 | 17   |
| 27 | 105 | Timothy Thorp         | 48.916    | 15     | 66.236     | 3.664 | 0.042 | 15   |
| 28 | 149 | Kevin Leech           | 50.599    | 15     | 64.033     | 5.347 | 1.683 | 17   |

At the start, all were pretty cleanly through T1 and T2 but a number of drivers were caught out into T3, leading to yellow flags as the drivers got back under way. A slow starting James P had to re-pass James N for the lead.

By lap 3, James P was 0.743 ahead. Stuart F had regained 5<sup>th</sup> and one lap later he was up to 4<sup>th</sup>.

Lap 5: James P led by 1.1s from James N with Joseph E just 0.134s behind in 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Lap 6: Joshua T dropped to 9<sup>th</sup> after a spin at T3, Pavan moved up to 16<sup>th</sup>. A lap later, James N closed slightly, to just 1.3s behind the leader. Mark R had by now improved three places to 11<sup>th</sup>

By Lap 9: James P led by 2.019 s from James N before a huge crash under yellows on the exit of Vale caused serious kart damage. A red flag was ordered and a strict talking to the drivers was given from Series Director Jim Graham regarding their speed and behaviour under the yellow



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flags.

After the restart under full cause yellows, the green flag was shown on Lap 13 and the leaders continued their close race.

A couple of laps later, Paul C was up to 5<sup>th</sup>, Lee P was down to 12<sup>th</sup> after a spin at T7

After 20 laps of racing, James N had pulled away from the chasing Joseph E who was busy keeping Paul C behind him – the gap down to a few 10ths.

A fairly quiet session followed until 35 minutes in when Joseph Ellis lost a place to Stuart F but he battled to get it back very quickly. James N was 8.2 seconds behind the race leader and champion elect, James Pratt.

45 minutes: James P's best lap of race was 45.1 with the gap to James N at 11.08s who was 8 seconds ahead of Joseph who had Stuart F only 1 seconds behind him.

With just 10 minutes to go, Stuart F took 3<sup>rd</sup> from Joseph E – but again Joseph passed him back. The two of them trading their fastest laps. In spite of their speed, Paul C caught them again and the three of them were split by only 1 second.

Over the next five minutes, Joseph, Stuart and Paul was were all lapping faster than they had all race, despite being involved in a very close battle for 3<sup>rd</sup> – Paul then passed Stuart for 4<sup>th</sup> at T7 after back markers slowed Stuart down.

In the final two minutes back markers affected all the leaders before Stuart passed Paul back for 4<sup>th</sup> as Paul out broke himself at T6. James P took the race win and the Championship.

| Po | No. | Name                  | Lap<br>s | Total time  | Diff   | Best<br>time | In<br>lap | Best speed |
|----|-----|-----------------------|----------|-------------|--------|--------------|-----------|------------|
| 1  | 122 | James Pratt           | 67       | 1:00:00.030 |        | 45.062       | 62        | 71.901     |
| 2  | 110 | James Northfield      | 67       | 1:00:09.058 | 9.028  | 44.937       | 65        | 72.101     |
| 3  | 109 | Joseph Ellis          | 67       | 1:00:19.937 | 19.907 | 45.264       | 59        | 71.580     |
| 4  | 124 | Stuart Foster         | 67       | 1:00:23.960 | 23.930 | 45.264       | 58        | 71.580     |
| 5  | 113 | Paul Cox              | 67       | 1:00:24.005 | 23.975 | 45.146       | 59        | 71.767     |
| 6  | 107 | Craig Mcilvar         | 67       | 1:00:31.463 | 31.433 | 45.412       | 49        | 71.347     |
| 7  | 128 | Nicholas Lawes        | 66       | 1:00:00.507 | 1 Lap  | 45.829       | 58        | 70.698     |
| 8  | 102 | Joshua Tomlinson      | 66       | 1:00:06.302 | 5.795  | 45.555       | 23        | 71.123     |
| 9  | 134 | Mark Richards         | 66       | 1:00:16.246 | 15.739 | 45.976       | 62        | 70.472     |
| 10 | 127 | Lee Pendlebury        | 66       | 1:00:25.089 | 24.582 | 45.653       | 52        | 70.970     |
| 11 | 133 | Andrew Knapp          | 65       | 1:00:01.176 | 2 Laps | 45.914       | 32        | 70.567     |
| 12 | 140 | Pavan Chahi           | 65       | 1:00:06.794 | 5.618  | 45.797       | 57        | 70.747     |
| 13 | 136 | Alex Neill            | 65       | 1:00:07.917 | 6.741  | 46.313       | 62        | 69.959     |
| 14 | 141 | Gary Leonard          | 65       | 1:00:12.259 | 11.083 | 45.392       | 64        | 71.378     |
| 15 | 135 | Stuart Shearman       | 65       | 1:00:15.247 | 14.071 | 46.264       | 63        | 70.033     |
| 16 | 115 | Andrew Suenson-Taylor | 65       | 1:00:25.995 | 24.819 | 46.202       | 52        | 70.127     |
| 17 | 106 | Josef Wright          | 65       | 1:00:26.603 | 25.427 | 46.364       | 41        | 69.882     |
| 18 | 125 | Seb Bamsley           | 64       | 1:00:12.812 | 3 Laps | 46.577       | 27        | 69.562     |
| 19 | 147 | Steven Hussey         | 64       | 1:00:13.602 | 0.790  | 46.480       | 60        | 69.707     |



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|----|-----|-----------------|----|-------------|--------|--------|----|--------|
| 20 | 130 | Luke Armiger    | 64 | 1:00:31.487 | 18.675 | 46.709 | 39 | 69.366 |
| 21 | 144 | Alex Furse      | 63 | 1:00:06.456 | 4 Laps | 46.225 | 61 | 70.092 |
| 22 | 145 | Steven Paddock  | 63 | 1:00:40.520 | 34.064 | 46.688 | 5  | 69.397 |
| 23 | 143 | Gerard Robinson | 63 | 1:00:41.038 | 34.582 | 47.361 | 25 | 68.411 |
| 24 | 138 | Jonathan Taylor | 62 | 1:00:11.428 | 5 Laps | 47.300 | 20 | 68.499 |
| 25 | 105 | Timothy Thorp   | 62 | 1:00:29.762 | 18.334 | 47.791 | 52 | 67.795 |
| 26 | 112 | Bruno Botelho   | 60 | 1:00:22.529 | 7 Laps | 46.367 | 25 | 69.877 |
| 27 | 149 | Kevin Leech     | 59 | 1:00:09.994 | 8 Laps | 48.270 | 32 | 67.122 |
| 28 | 131 | John Attwood    | 58 | 1:00:10.811 | 9 Laps | 48.260 | 29 | 67.136 |

James Pratt is crowned Inters Enduro Champion, with 373 points, ahead of Joseph Ellis on 331 points and Craig McIlvar third with 295 Points. Lee Pendlebury finished fourth on 292 points and Paul Cox rounded out the top five with 285 points.

## Heavy Enduro

The Heavy Enduro drivers enjoyed the best conditions of the day, heading out on to the circuit at lunchtime in the sunshine. Less than one second split the top 22 drivers, as Michael McKeegan took pole position by just 98 thousandths of a second from Jim Mardlin. Jamie Pender and Ian Brooks lined up on the second row.

## Qualifying

| Pos | No. | Name               | Best time | In lap | Best speed | Diff  | Gap   | Laps |
|-----|-----|--------------------|-----------|--------|------------|-------|-------|------|
| 1   | 102 | Michael McKeegan   | 45.820    | 20     | 70.711     |       |       | 20   |
| 2   | 136 | Jim Mardlin        | 45.918    | 20     | 70.561     | 0.098 | 0.098 | 20   |
| 3   | 132 | Jamie Pender       | 46.093    | 9      | 70.293     | 0.273 | 0.175 | 17   |
| 4   | 142 | Ian Brooks         | 46.115    | 16     | 70.259     | 0.295 | 0.022 | 19   |
| 5   | 104 | Simon Ross         | 46.136    | 17     | 70.227     | 0.316 | 0.021 | 17   |
| 6   | 133 | Chris Carter       | 46.174    | 17     | 70.169     | 0.354 | 0.038 | 18   |
| 7   | 122 | Max Northfield     | 46.188    | 17     | 70.148     | 0.368 | 0.014 | 17   |
| 8   | 110 | Chris Munro        | 46.210    | 16     | 70.115     | 0.390 | 0.022 | 19   |
| 9   | 128 | Andrew Haine       | 46.255    | 18     | 70.046     | 0.435 | 0.045 | 19   |
| 10  | 144 | Lee Witney         | 46.256    | 13     | 70.045     | 0.436 | 0.001 | 19   |
| 11  | 125 | Rob Bennett        | 46.294    | 18     | 69.987     | 0.474 | 0.038 | 18   |
| 12  | 112 | Ian McMillan       | 46.321    | 10     | 69.947     | 0.501 | 0.027 | 19   |
| 13  | 134 | David Scott        | 46.323    | 17     | 69.944     | 0.503 | 0.002 | 18   |
| 14  | 145 | Malcolm Clark      | 46.354    | 14     | 69.897     | 0.534 | 0.031 | 19   |
| 15  | 135 | Vinod Hirani       | 46.427    | 18     | 69.787     | 0.607 | 0.073 | 18   |
| 16  | 107 | Richard Renshaw    | 46.445    | 19     | 69.760     | 0.625 | 0.018 | 19   |
| 17  | 130 | Vince Cogzell      | 46.459    | 13     | 69.739     | 0.639 | 0.014 | 15   |
| 18  | 143 | James Griffith     | 46.521    | 19     | 69.646     | 0.701 | 0.062 | 19   |
| 19  | 114 | David Vincent      | 46.542    | 17     | 69.615     | 0.722 | 0.021 | 17   |
| 20  | 105 | Diogo Silva        | 46.603    | 13     | 69.523     | 0.783 | 0.061 | 19   |
| 21  | 113 | Robert Courtneidge | 46.619    | 17     | 69.500     | 0.799 | 0.016 | 18   |
| 22  | 131 | Ben Townsend       | 46.741    | 10     | 69.318     | 0.921 | 0.122 | 19   |
| 23  | 149 | Russel Phillips    | 47.882    | 12     | 67.666     | 2.062 | 1.141 | 19   |





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## RACE

As the field streamed in to T1, Ian B nearly took out Michael M as he ran wide off line. Despite contact, Ian B took pains to ensure that Michael M was in front of him as they headed into T2. Andrew H got a bumping warning.

At the end of Lap 1, Michael M led from Jim Mardlin, with Simon R and Chris C close behind.

On the second lap Jim M dove up the inside for 1<sup>st</sup> at T6, But he and Michael M swapped back and forth for the next two corners. David V, who only qualified 19<sup>th</sup> had a superb first few laps, moving up to 9<sup>th</sup> and setting fastest lap so far. Malcolm C and then Ian M bettered the lap time just one lap later though as the drivers settled into race mode.

On Lap 5 – Chris M set a new fastest lap which was then bettered by Max N's 46.260

David V continued his epic race from near the back and was up to 6<sup>th</sup> place by the end of lap 8 and then up to 5<sup>th</sup> on lap 9. Meanwhile Jim M lost the lead back to Michael M and was being harried by Simon R.

Over the next few laps, Jim M closed back up behind Michael M, and David V closed up on Chris C for 4<sup>th</sup>. Chris was struggling with a lack of grip and David was taking advantage of the situation. Malcolm C was also continuing well and passed Ian M for 6<sup>th</sup>.

At one quarter distance, Michael M lost some time in traffic and the gap dropped to 0.25 seconds. Jim M tried to pass for the lead but nearly lost 2<sup>nd</sup> to Simon R. David V passed Chris C who then pitted for a kart swap.

A hectic few laps saw David V catch the top three. Simon R moved up to 2<sup>nd</sup> and then first momentarily. His move at T8 saw him through to lead the race, before running wide and letting Michael M back through. The top 4 were separated by less than a second.

Andrew Haines' kart came to a stop on circuit and he was sent back to pits for a replacement. The ensuing full course yellows saw Simon Ross emerge in the lead from Jim M, Michael M and David V.

Just before half distance Vinod's crash at T6 meant he needed a replacement kart too. Chris C was enjoying his new kart and although a lap down, he was mixing it up with the front three. Jim M lost a place whilst dicing with Chris C.

Jamie P went for a move on Ian B, leading to slight contact but let him back through for 5<sup>th</sup>. Ahead of them, Simon R and David V were trading places at Vale and T6.

After a sterling first half of the race, Michael M lost it at T6 passing a backmarker dropping to 5<sup>th</sup>



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in between Ian B and Jamie P, who then sneaked past Michael M at the braking zone into 6.

At two thirds into the race, David V took the lead (from 19<sup>th</sup> on the grid). Jim M was still second – just ahead of Simon R. Malcolm C and Michael M were racing closely for 6<sup>th</sup>.

Over the last 15 minutes David V pulled out a healthy lead to confirm his dominance of the race. Simon R meanwhile was busy putting Jim M behind him.

At the chequered flag, David V won by 11 seconds from Simon R, with Jim M just 0.7 seconds behind him for third.

| Po | No. | Name               | Lap<br>s | Total time  | Diff    | Best time | In<br>lap | Best speed |
|----|-----|--------------------|----------|-------------|---------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| 1  | 108 | David Vincent      | 77       | 59:58.894   |         | 45.186    | 21        | 71.704     |
| 2  | 104 | Simon Ross         | 77       | 1:00:10.212 | 11.318  | 45.704    | 56        | 70.891     |
| 3  | 136 | Jim Mardlin        | 77       | 1:00:10.939 | 12.045  | 45.672    | 17        | 70.941     |
| 4  | 132 | Jamie Pender       | 77       | 1:00:24.334 | 25.440  | 45.884    | 12        | 70.613     |
| 5  | 145 | Malcolm Clark      | 77       | 1:00:26.009 | 27.115  | 45.838    | 58        | 70.684     |
| 6  | 102 | Michael Mckeegan   | 77       | 1:00:26.411 | 27.517  | 45.670    | 74        | 70.944     |
| 7  | 142 | Ian Brooks         | 77       | 1:00:27.274 | 28.380  | 46.004    | 49        | 70.429     |
| 8  | 112 | Ian McMillan       | 77       | 1:00:33.273 | 34.379  | 45.932    | 69        | 70.539     |
| 9  | 107 | Richard Renshaw    | 77       | 1:00:40.801 | 41.907  | 46.273    | 42        | 70.019     |
| 10 | 124 | Chris Carter       | 77       | 1:00:44.331 | 45.437  | 45.316    | 62        | 71.498     |
| 11 | 110 | Chris Munro        | 76       | 1:00:04.502 | 1 Lap   | 46.240    | 26        | 70.069     |
| 12 | 143 | James Griffith     | 76       | 1:00:05.520 | 1.018   | 46.216    | 73        | 70.106     |
| 13 | 105 | Diogo Silva        | 76       | 1:00:10.041 | 5.539   | 46.214    | 23        | 70.109     |
| 14 | 125 | Rob Bennett        | 76       | 1:00:27.610 | 23.108  | 46.066    | 76        | 70.334     |
| 15 | 130 | Vince Cogzell      | 76       | 1:00:42.762 | 38.260  | 46.327    | 22        | 69.938     |
| 16 | 134 | David Scott        | 75       | 1:00:05.133 | 2 Laps  | 46.486    | 20        | 69.698     |
| 17 | 113 | Robert Courtneidge | 75       | 1:00:10.753 | 5.620   | 46.474    | 65        | 69.716     |
| 18 | 122 | Max Northfield     | 75       | 1:00:12.459 | 7.326   | 46.051    | 14        | 70.357     |
| 19 | 127 | Vinod Hirani       | 73       | 1:00:17.121 | 4 Laps  | 46.173    | 17        | 70.171     |
| 20 | 149 | Russel Phillips    | 73       | 1:00:37.438 | 20.317  | 47.666    | 15        | 67.973     |
| 21 | 145 | Lee Witney         | 69       | 1:00:44.062 | 8 Laps  | 46.024    | 15        | 70.398     |
| 22 | 131 | Ben Townsend       | 49       | 39:52.001   | 28 Laps | 46.362    | 9         | 69.885     |
| 23 | 128 | Andrew Haine       | 26       | 20:23.364   | 51 Laps | 46.032    | 17        | 70.386     |

Despite finishing 10<sup>th</sup>, Chris Carter was confirmed as 2012 Heavy Enduro Champion, with 388 points from his best 8 races. Simon Ross took a well-deserved second place on 351 points. David Vincent's 51 points from the final round meant that he finishes 3<sup>rd</sup> in the championship on 293 points – with Ian Brooks on 292 points in 4<sup>th</sup>. Jim Mardlin finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place in his first year of Dmax.

The Official Prize Giving will be taking place on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2013. Venue tbc.

Daytona will be announcing dates for the 2013 championship soon. Call Mark on 0845 644 5504 if you would like more information about Vodafone Dmax.